

GREAT PLAINS INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDE # 40

TITLE: Rapid Extraction Module

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INTENT: To explain proper procedure for mobilizing Rapid Extraction Modules (REM) within or out of the Great Plains Dispatch Zone.

PROCEDURE:

As of this revision date, only the Rapid City Fire Department in conjunction with Sioux Falls Fire Department has a Rapid Extraction Module that is available to support the Great Plains zone or out of area incidents.

This module consists of REM trained responders, vehicles and REM support equipment (UTV, ALS kit, ropes, rigging, etc) from the Rapid City and Sioux Falls Fire Departments.

1. Who Is Responsible

- 1.1. The ROSS dispatcher of the day is responsible for processing these resource requests if the REM will be mobilized to outside of the GPC zone. If ordered for a GPC incident, the Initial Attack Dispatcher for that zone will process the order.

2. Rapid Extraction Module Standard

- 2.1. The Rocky Mountain Area Coordinating Group (RMCG) has approved REM standards based upon recommendations from the RMCG Operations and Dispatch Committees. See RMA Mob Guide for these standards.
- 2.2. REMs are pre-staged rescue teams that have overhead resources that are trained as emergency medical technicians (basic or paramedic). At least two of the REM team members have been trained as Rope Rescue Technicians. See additional required qualifications/certifications below in the ROSS Ordering procedures.

3. GPC REM contacts

- 3.1. The primary point of contact for the Rapid City Fire Department's Rapid Extract Module is Rod Seals (rod.seals@rcgov.org). Call the RCFD main line 605-394-4180. If he isn't available, Nick Carlson (nick.carlson@rcgov.org) is next and if Nick isn't available, ask for the "On-call Battalion Chief".
- 3.2. Contact information for the resources that mobilize from Sioux Falls, SD is Mark Bukovich (MBukovich@siouxfalls.org).

4. ROSS Ordering

- 4.1. REMs will be ordered as an "Overhead Module". A roster configuration consisting of four (4) personnel, vehicles and possible UTV/ATVs will be created.
- 4.2. Overhead:
- All personnel must be, at minimum, qualified Fireline EMT Basics (EMTF) and qualified as a Wildland Firefighter 2 (FFT2) or above.
 - At least one resource needs to be qualified as a Fireline Paramedic (EMPF).
 - The REM leader must, at minimum, be qualified as a Squad Boss (FFT1); higher single resource boss is preferred.
 - Suggested overhead roster configuration:
 - FFT1/SRB – must be line qualified EMTF (REM team leader)
 - EMPF – must be qualified FFT2 or higher
 - EMTF – must be qualified FFT2 or higher
- 4.3. Equipment:
- At minimum, one vehicle must be an "off-road" 4x4 vehicle.
 - If requested by the incident, a UTV or ATV can be rostered.
- 4.4. REMS and/or the ALS kits are part of the REM team module and should not be ordered separately.
- 4.5. Additional ordering considerations include if rental off-road vehicle is authorized.

5. Mobilizing a REM

- 5.1. Although RCFD should be statusing the REM resource as available or not, GPC should always call to confirm REM resource availability if an incident requests a REM.

5.2. Follow standard GPC SOGs on assigning the REM to an incident in WildCAD and creating a ROSS resource order. All REM requests will need a South Dakota State incident number assigned to it.